



Residential Building Stock Assessment (RBSA) Call for Interest in Potential Oversamples within Utility Service Territories

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As part of NEEA's 2015 – 2019 Business Plan, NEEA is conducting another regional Residential Building Stock Assessment (RBSA). The RBSA is a broad, regional study that provides a current characterization of the energy related building components and end uses within the existing residential building stock. The RBSA will build on the 2011 regional baseline for housing stock for three categories of residences: single-family homes, manufactured homes, and multifamily buildings. The results of this work will guide future resource and program planning efforts and provide a solid base for assessing energy savings from residential programs throughout the Northwest. Specific details encompassed in study protocols are still being informed through the current working group process with stakeholders representing relevant subject matter expertise in the areas of research and evaluation.

We anticipate completing approximately 1,500 site visits throughout the region across the three housing types noted above. The core study sample size is designed to achieve statistically valid results by state for single-family and manufactured homes; however, some utilities have chosen to oversample in the past in order to meet their particular planning and evaluation needs. The utility oversamples will use the same data collection tools and protocols as the RBSA to ensure that the data can be incorporated into the regional results.

More details about the RBSA will be forthcoming over the next few months. To provide a high level summary of timelines, we anticipate finalizing study protocols in Q4 2015, with a "pre-test" (small sample of approximately 30 properties to test final protocols), with full production anticipated to commence in April 2016.

In order to plan for utility partner oversampling, we are requesting you let us know your organizations potential interest in conducting an oversample by **Wednesday, November 25** by sending an email to Christopher Frye, cfrye@neea.org. This does not obligate you to conduct an oversample, but provides us with useful information for proactive planning.